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Inventor(s): David M. KURN et al.

Confirmation No.: 8285

Application No.: 09/736,650

Examiner: Z. A. Davis

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Group Art Unit: 2137

Title: COMPUTER SYSTEM HAVING AN AUTONOMOUS PROCESS FOR CENTRALIZED
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Respectfully submitted,

David M. KURN et al.

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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office action of May 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a courtesy copy of Figure 2 is attached following page 7 of this paper.